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TOTAL CLAIMS	11	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
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[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$270	\$ 0
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application and consider the remarks as follows:

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 5, wherein said first switchably conductive device, said second switchably conductive device, and said one or more additional switchably conductive devices each comprises a field effect transistor (FET).

7. (Amended) A method for controlling the slew rate of transition edges of a digital signal on a node of an integrated circuit, said method comprising the steps of:



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